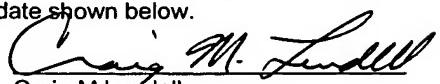




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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination of the above referenced application. Attorney for Applicant requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks.

The amendments are fully responsive to formal issues raised in the Office Action in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle* practice, mailed 13 October 2006. At the time that Office Action issued, claims 1 to 11 were pending and allowed.

The Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge any fee incurred by filing of this response to our Deposit Account 19-1800. Any excess fees paid, if so found, may be credited to the same Deposit Account.